

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel page 2, lines 25-27 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~co~~pending application numbers 10/094,471, filed on March 8, 2002, now abandoned, which itself is a continuation-in-part of prior application number 09/713,955 filed ~~11/16/2000~~, on November 16, 2000, now abandoned.

Please cancel page 6, lines 121-126 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Exit line 32 is also a part of dome trap 20, molded as a part of cover 24, adapted to be connected to an existing effluent exit drain line. Drain line 18 fits into vertical conduit 30 and is held by compression nut 36, which threadably attaches to cover 24 at threads 38. Compression nut 36 has an integrated plastic washer or a non-integrated plastic slip washer 40. Horizontal exit line 32 attaches to the existing building exit line 34 ~~(not shown)~~ by compression nut 44 located on the building effluent exit line.

Please cancel page 7, lines 143-153 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

In addition, drain line 18 does not have to itself extend below the water line 25, since internal vertical conduit 30 does so, and drain line 18 only has to slide a small distance into vertical conduit 30 of cover 24 with means to seal the connection, such as and be held by compression nut 36. This means 1) that drain lines which are short do not have to be modified and 2) exit line 32 can be easily matched up and connected to the existing house effluent exit drain line with means to seal the connection, such as compression nut 44. This is of great value to a homeowner or plumber who is replacing the existing sink trap. Furthermore, those persons who want to install Applicant's dome trap in their sinks because of its ease in being opened for cleaning, can do so with ease. For the do-it-yourself homeowner, Applicant's dome trap is easy to install in any existing sink and it is easy to open and clean in the event of a clog. It is also easy to open to retrieve an item inadvertently dropped into the sink.

Please cancel page 7, lines 156-162 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 3, there is shown another embodiment having additional, optional features where the lower dome bowl 22' [[22]] is made of a transparent material, such as tempered glass or plastic, which gives the owner the benefit of being

able to see what is present inside of lower dome bowl 22' [[22]]. If something is mistakenly dropped into the sink and falls into dome bowl 22' [[22]], the owner may be able to see it and unscrew and remove dome bowl 22' [[22]] to recover the item. Also, the owner can see the build-up of waste in the bottom of dome bowl 22' [[22]] to determine exactly when to remove it for cleaning purposes.

Please cancel page 8, lines 164-167 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

An additional feature is the use of a flexible exit conduit line [[35]] where a flexible section 35 [[34]] of line 32 is provided. This flexible section gives even more adjustability to dome trap 20, where the attachment to the building effluent drain line is hard to match up vertically or horizontally with exit conduit 32.

Please cancel page 8, lines 168-175 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 4, there is shown another embodiment in which a cone shaped indicator 37 is fixedly attached to the bottom of lower dome trap bowl 22'' [[22]]. The height of indicator 37 is optional and is provided as an indicator of when

the waste has built up to a height where the lower dome trap bowl should be unscrewed, removed and cleaned out. Indicator 37 is cone shaped, and formed or molded as a part or lower dome trap bowl 22'' [[22]], with the large end of the cone down, which also makes indicator 37 useful to push incoming water from inlet pipe 18, to the sides and up the sides of lower dome bowl 22'' [[22]].